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SUBJECT: FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE IN FRANCE

1. FRENCH VETERINARY OFFICIALS REPORTEDLY HELPED BY
YOUNG DOCTORS ARE STILL COMBATING MAJOR OUTBREAKS
OF FMD IN BRITTANY, WEST OF PARIS.

2. THE OUTBREAK FIRST REPORTED ON 3 FARMS MORE THAN
3 WEEKS AGO HAS SPREAD TO 38 FARMS IN DEPARTMENT OF
COTES DU NORD AND ALSO TO SOME FARMS IN THE DEPARTMENTS
OF ILE-ET-VILLAIN AND MORBIHAN. AN OUTBREAK IN THE DEPARTMENT
OF MAYENNE WAS REPORTED ON MARCH 10. THE OUTBREAKS ARE SPREADING
TOWARD THE SOUTHEAST. BUT AN OUBTBREAK HAS ALSO BEEN REPORTED
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OCCURRING ON THE ISLE OF JERSEY.

3. THROUGH MARCH 11, 10,000 HOGS, 1,000 CATTLE AND
100 SHEEP HAVE BEEN SLAUGHTERED. TO CONTROL THE OUTBREAK,
250,000 ANIMALS HAVE BEEN VACCINATED IN TWO WEEKS.

4. ACCORDING TO DIFFERENT SOURCES (PAPERS, RADIO) THE
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIALS OF THE COTES DU NORD HAVE TAKEN
STRONG ACTIONS TO FIGHT THE OUTBREAK INCLUDING CONTROL OF TRAVEL
IN CERTAIN AREAS, PROHIBITION OF MEETINGS, CLOSED SCHOOLS AND
OTHER RESTRICTIONS ON PUBLIC MOVEMENT.

5. ADDITIONAL DETAILS WILL BE AVAILABLE TOMORROW FOLLOWING
TODAY'S OFFICIAL REPORT ON THE SITUATION BEING PREPARED BY FRENCH
VETERINARY SERVICES. STONE

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